HOUSE REJECTS LIGHTING BILLS.

Adverse Report by Mr. Tamblyn for His Committee Adopted by a Vote of 18 to 8.

Having Attempted a "Shake-Down"-No Prespect of Immediate Relief From Darkness.

"The difficulty in dealing with the lighting situation opinion between the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly concerning the kind of an ordinance best calculated to provide for general c petition and by such means to better the public service and protect the publigood. The heard stubbornly mantaming that erdinances constating from the Board of Public Improvements are not subject to amendment by the Municipal Assembly leaves the Municipal Assembly no alternative but to reject or accept the ordinance boilly presented by the board, no matter how arbitrary the conditions specified therein. The three temporary lighting bills, which have been it the possession of the House Committee on Public Improvements for some time, are found to be defectively drawn and are tenered ediscreely on that account. The committee sees to reason why it should believe sucretic contracts with corporations, even for a temporary period, without some knowledge as to what the cost may be. Such information was not furnished us by the Board of Public Improvements. Moreover, the committee holds that the contracts should be for a shorter period and after much study we have come to the conclusion that this is the time to strike for the placement of electric places in the municipal buildings, when the corporation which has fed at the public crib for ten years eaves the city in its present exasperating predicament. Accordingly, the committee reports adversely on these lighting bills."

city of St. Louis from the distressing dearth of light in the electrosymary institutions and total darkness in the alleys and parks south ented by Chairman William M. Templyn placed in an untercoom. gates in adopting an adverse report, preof the Public Improvements Committee three temperary lighting bills drafted by the Board of Public Improvements and stroduced in the lower branch of the Muthe hat Assembly surly in Nevember, 1899. he vote was is in favor of the cepter

to sagainst R. Crouin, who stood to with the minority, on the float of the House openin accused Chairman Tambiya at attempting to "Shake down" S. M. Whole at an earlier hour in the day Mr. Dedd is president of the Missouri-Edison the wiring in a mulority of the public of this sensational charge in vehement lan-

Bills to Provide Electric Plants.

lusting Asylum, respectively, and is ap-propriate from the municipal revenue a total of 890,125 for their construction. The bills which were given their first reading, hall supply light and power to a Courts, Courthouse and city Hospital, while the plant at the Instite Assium shill furnish electric light to the Female Hospital and Poorhouse-both institutions not ing lighted by candles and coal-oil hanns. flors was reached. Speaker Edward E. Murrell ignored the rule of precedent, rushing through three resolutions presented in turn by Chairman Tambian and I of ates Adolph Madera and John H. Schmetter, which in substance backed up the olley of the "combine." Artes of "Jus-"Fair play" and "A square deal" from the minerity were unhanded small these measures had been successfully railroaded devant. The minority resolutions bore de-W. Holteamp (Rep.), George Lopez (Rep.), Lemon Parker (Rep.), John P. Sween v (Dem.), Lafe Sturdevant (Rep.) and Fred G. Zuchritz (Rep.)

Purpose of the Resolutions.

The first resolution called for daily sersions of the House until such time as an ordinance should have been passed which should afford some relief from the hardships now being undergone at the public institutions. The second resolution de-manded of the House committee an immediate report on the three temporary light-Both measures were tabled amid a tumult of excitement and disgraceful nes, by a vote of 18 to 8, the eight signers flighting for a hearing on the floor, every inch of the way, to the defeat of their resolutions.

The Tamblyn resolution directs the Board Public Improvements to submit price and rates received from gas and electcompanies for Ughting streets, aileg squares, public buildings and public place mileys, while the Madera resolution follows this up by directing the same body of officials to prepare an ordinance for the temporary lighting of the streets, alleys, squares and public places of the city-no mention being made of the fire-engine houses and police stations-up to May 1, 1909, The Schnettler resolution pledges the members to a vote favoring the passage of any relief bill that may be presented by any lighting company in the city that will proceed at once to light the public buildings of the city at a cost not exceeding the price charged in the contract which expired January 1, 1990. Lack of interest on the part of the public in the lighting situation was notably man-ifested at the meetings of the Council and House yesterday, only a small gathering

"The majority rules." This was forcibly illustrated in the seties of highly sensational and exciting happen-ings at last night's sension of the House of Delegates. It was eighteen to eight, and the eight were bowled down every time they stood up-like the middle ten pin in a of cocked hat. Chairman Tamblyn of the House Committee on Public Im-provements believes himself vindicated. and so does every one of the eighteen Dele gates who supported the adverse report on the three temporary lighting bills.

Two brand-new ordinances, drafted in a rush and supported by resolutions adopted in a whiriwind, are the lamp posts on which this august body leans for support. The ordinances were flaunted in the chamber with great colat, eliciting oratory worthy of Herr Most.
"The measures are what the taxpayers

have needed for years," was the way in which Delegate Otto Schumacher put the "And I ought to know, for I am

tinority Delegates Brought Lights. Long before the Delegates arrived their channel blazed in the glory of illumina-

Delegate Cronin Accased Him in Open Session of *********************** MR. TAMBLYN'S REASONS.

All prospect of immediate relief to the priestand, that he would receive extensive

iron pipe were struck on the floor,

earlyt members who have held alout from Delegates Cronic, Sweeney and Burke brought with them storage batteries to

section opened quistly and centinged the the preliminary business was being carracted, but it was the calm before the

When ther period in procedure of busirenched, th For City Power Plants, rate Madera here jumped to his feet

An exclusione making in anymposition for an extra vision of the first Cars Hall, to simply shift and powers to the New City Hall, to simply sures, Considerate, and City Hespital.

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There is leadly set apart and ap-

Sernes of Confusion.

So far it was clear suffice for the House Committee, backed by the majority faction. When resolutions were called for Indecate to at rain the arrenten of the Speaker. The noise was confusing, for half a dozen members began to talk at once-such deep-chested legislators as "Jim" Crouls and Otto Schumacher, overshadowing their

Meanwhile Clerk Judy was racing through

ler. In lightning fashion was the vote taken on each measure, and before the minority was alive to the situation, the cepting everything before it by the follow-

Tamblyn's Resolution. Introduced by Tambiya, so unded by Rate.

Introduced by Madern and s

Schnettler's Resolution.

Sturdevant's Resolutions Tabled. Delegate Holtcamp in a quiet but firm voice said: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether the resolutions placed on the desk have precedence over those introdesk have precedence over those intro-duced at a later period. Is it fair that Mr. Sturdevant's resolutions be held back and others rushed in shead?"



terrors of eight freignites, was as follows: Whereas. The present deplorable condition ex-eting in the city at the time, which follows many of our pulsal institutions and allers with-

Remoted, That this House hold duly sensions until senso ordinator can be powed which will after some measure of relief and pre-cut such evils as may possibly result from any further

Tolegate Robertson moved that the resolution be labl on the table. Delegate Lopez moved its adoption. Half the Delegate then jumped from their seats, the Speaker ruling Isologate Robertson's mation to be n order. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ay s-Albright, Bersch, Denny, Faulkner,

Garke, Hannigan, Hartmann, Heims, Kelly, Lehmann, Madera, J. K. Murrell, Robert-son, Schnettler, Schmuchet, Shetidan, son, Schnettler, Schammeber, Sh Tambiya, Speaker Murrell; total, 18, Noes-Eurke, Cronbs, Holtzamp,

tund vant. Sweeney, Zachritz. Absent-Decker. Precisely the same vote tabled the other underant resolution, which follows:

Tambly a Reports Adversely.

Naxi in the order of business was the re-port from committees. Chairman Tambiya was on the floor immediately with an ad-verse report on the three temperary light-He stoke in favor of municipal ownership precements, concending that the lighting bills sent down were defective. He closed by mosting the adoption of his report. May I have the privilege of explaining

name had been reached on the roll call. "Go ahead," rapided the Speaker, Mr. Cromb's seat is in the extreme north-west corner of the chamber, while Mr.

his right hand, and in sharp tower, sald, "I want to know, Mr. Speaker, if this is the bill the challman of the House Committee

Then, raising his voice to the highest pitch. Mr. Crould yelled. Why doesn't For a few moments after this outlagest there was the wildest excitement. Mr. Tamblyn remained in his seat. It was slam that he was endeavoring to control tween the desks in the far curner, shaking

In explaining his vote against the adop-tion of Mr. Tamblyn's report, Delegate Lo-pez made a forestal speech. He stated that he had visited the electrosynary institu-tions, and in the name of humanity he begged the delegates to step and consider what they were doing before throwing aside the last chance for immediate relief. gentlemen who have formerly given the monopolies everything they asked for in

ils time." Tumbtyn's Benial. Here Delegate Cronin again began to twit balarmin Tamblyn. The former speaker cylied: "I am not in the habit of shaking Sharp words wete hursed back and forth

nd triends of both Delegates interfered. ewer my question: Ind he not try to shake down Mr. Dodd?" "Never in my life, sir," retorted Mr.

Tamblyn. "I am an honest man, and you Delegates Madera and Sweeney indulæd lively cross-tire of words over the report, in which the former was charged with being a traiter. When the roll-call was taken on the issue, there was no change in

At the close of the meeting the body adjourned, to assemble again at it a m. to-

At Mr. Dodd's House.

An effort was made to see President Isold of the Missouri-Edison company last might at his home, No. 763 North Garrison avenue, but without success. A representative of The Republic called at the house, and, in namer to his ring of the door bell, a gen-theman steed in the vestibule between the inner and outer doors, and inquired the object of the visit. He was informed that it was the re-

porter's desire to see Mr. Dodd. In response, the man in the vestibule said that he didn't think Mr. Dodd could be seen. Then fol-lowed an inquir; as to the nature of the business which the visitor had to transact

In reply, the reporter said that a state-ment from him was desired in regard to certain declarations that had been made on

in the evening, and that whatever he said would be of great public interest. At this point the man in the vestibule very positively said that Mr. Dodd could not be seen, then stammed the inner door

CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Chamber Lighted by Candles-

Resolutions Rejected. Instead of putting the city under obliga-

ions to a private concern, the upper branch of the Municipal Assembly contented itself with conde-light at its meeting yesterday afternoon. Three members were absent, namely, Mesers, Hoffmann, Richards

sent, namely, Messes, Hoffmann, Richards and Viggins.

It was manifest from the start that the Councilmen were not disposed to shoulder responsibility for the present lighting situation, which they rather seemed to think belonged in the House 55st it was, to some extent, the same Council that has been killing city lighting bills for the last four years. The discussion opened by Mr. Kratz introducing the following resolution.

years. The discussion opened by Mr. Kratz introducing the following resolution.

"Whereas, An emergency exists in the lighting situation in this city and the necessity for lights in the public buildings of this city is apparent to all; therefore, he is "Resolved, by the committee, the House of Indexty concurring. That we pledgeour vote to pass any relief bill that may be presented by any electric lighting company in this city that will proceed at once to light the public buildings of the rits at a cost not exceeding the price charged in the contract which expired having a continue until because y outracts are let under ordinance by the Board of Public Improvements.

Improvements."
'oun-fiman Hodges said: "It seems to me We are shifting the responsibility from where it does not belong. The trouble is in the House of Delegater, and there it ought to remain."
Councilman Horton stated, in answer to

an argument advanced by Mr. Kratz:
"While I admit an emergency exists, I do not feel like pledning my vote in advance After extensive discussion, both for ngainst the resolution, the roll call was taken, resulting in a tie, the resolution time Aves-Carroll, Gast, Gaus, Kratz and Tho

Noes-Hodges, Horton, Meynomining, Schnell and President Meier. The Council adjourned to meet at it at me

NEW BILLS THE ONLY HOPE. President McMath Finds Blow holes in Tamblyn's Reasons.

Age and long experience with things municipal have so tempered President R. E. McMath of the Board of Public Improvements that he is not surprised at anything he did not show any surprise when he was told that, in spite of the fact that the city was partially in darkness, the House had refused to pass any of the temporary light

"thid they give any reasons," be maked.
"I thought possibly, as they have recentcountened to the fact that the city should own its electric lighting plants, that they and now discovered that some certain kind had now discovered that some certain kind of light, which is exclusively controlled by

He buildings," he added.

Mr. McMath was told that Mr. Tamblyn had intimated that the fault was with the Board of Public Improvements.

"Well, the board can stand that, I guess," as his answer.
"It is true," he continued, "that the board holds that it is not in the power of the Municipal Assembly to after or amend the orments submits to it. The hourd's contention in this matter is lessed upon the express statement of the City Charter that all ordinances concerning public work much first be approved by the Board of Public inst be approved by the found of Panile Improvements and then forwarded to the Municipal Assembly. It necessarily fol-lows that these ordinances cannot se changed. This provision was intentionally but in the City Charter. The presumption is very strong that the tramers of the Char ter had found by experience that the legislative body should not be given the power to orietnate measures relating to public work, and so the Charter limits the powers of that body to the approval or rejection of the bills submitted to it by the Board of

Public Improvements.
"It is the duty of the Board of Public Improvements to prepare ordinances of that character according to its best judgment and send them to the Municipal Assembly It a in the province of the Municipal As-sembly to reject these ordinances if they are objectionable, or to pass them if they choose to do so. If they reject them, it is the province of the Board of Public Inprovements to prepare others.

"Another provision of the City Charler is that in submitting these ordinances the Board of Public Improvements shall submit also an estimate of the probable cost of the work that is designed. This was done in all the ordinances just rejected by the

"The board, I presume, will now prepare another ordinance to provide for the tem-porary lighting of these parts of the city that are now in darkness. But if the chief objections to the bills just rejected by the

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Threatening Weather Saturday, with showers in southeast portion; threatening weather Sunday: southeasterly winds.

For Illinois-Threatening Saturday with showers in extreme southern portions: threatening Sonday; southeast to south winds.

For Arkansus-Threatening Saturday: showers in extreme porthern portion: threatening Sonday: easterly winds.

PART I.

1. Buller's Cavalry Engages the Boots. House Releas Lighting Blils.

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the other bills will meet the same fate, for he board will hold to the same view cor

"What do you think is the real reason vide for the needs of the city in regard to ghting" was asked.
"I do not know," answered Mr. McMath "In some instances it has been found that

a species of insanity has descended upon those whom the gods have doomed to destruction. Then he asked some questions that, in the absence of specific information upon the subject, could not be answered.
"Why," he asked, "did not the House
of Delegates discover two months ago that

BULLER'S CAVALRY RECONNOITERING.

Rumors in London That a General Battle Has Begun.

ALONG THE TUGELA.

Lord Dundonald's Column Is Forced

BRITISH FORAGING.

Wagon Train Brought to Frere After a Sharp Encounter.

pectal Cathles to The Republic, New York Her-

900, by James Gordon Rennett .- There has seen firing ro-day at both Ladysmith and sletter. The weather is time.

A strong cavalry reconnessance, under Lord Dundanald, was made to the west ward this morning toward Springfield Firing is going on. Reports are again our rent that the Boers are short of provi-

DUNDONALD RETIRED.

Frete Camp, Natal, Jan. 5.-There we connobanies in force from Chieveley forenoon with 2000 herse and two gons, the object being to herate the enemy on a till south of Hlangwane Hill. Several shells were fited, supplemented by the naval gur. The enemy replied at hing range, but did

not touch the British.

Lord Dutsdonald, percelving a strong mounted force issuing beyond the range of the British gins, with the evident intertion of working around our flank, directed the force to retire to Chieveley. The Buers' heliograph can be seen work-ng from a ridge north of Coleuso to the Buer camp at Umbulware.

BRITISH FORAGING.

Frere Camp, Thursday, Jan. 4. Cupyright, 1988, by James Gordon Hennett)he weather has become broken. Natives report that relatively few Boses

a commando of 600-are holding Pinter's

A detachment of the Thirteenth Massirs y this evening with nine wamers of fer About he Horrs crossed to this

office on our side, but the elemy suffered m the Colenso lines.

The following official statement was to "Colonel Blugrave, with three aquadrans, covered the replayal of foruse vesterday y two officers, and patrols of Thorney croft's Horse were to the westword, reconnollering, On the retirement of Blo-

grave, small partles of the enemy consect the officers and patrols to retire." BATTLE REPORTED REGIN.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. mera are current here this morning that and has already started fighting on the Tugela, and that he has been beauty shell

re not confirmed. It is known that this shelling is a percen-

sh forces has begun. That this report of fighting may be on ttack on the commanders which are on he south bank of the ther is by no means nikely. These must be distalged before

the real attempt to force the passage of the river can be commenced. HEAVY BRITISH SHIPMENTS.

New York Firms Also Will Contime Their Delagoa Bay Trade.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Jan. 5.-Two million pounds of fresh beef and 1,000 tons of hay have been shipped from this port recently for the use of the British troops in South Airi a. Tweive hundred tong of estables for few days in addition to these earlier shipments. Chicago packers have very large-orders from the British Government for supplies of mest and five additional stramers have been chartered to carry the provisions

transport arrayer, if he should accept the first the small stocming force of some eighty men, twenty-one were killed. Enden-Powell reports the situation unterial but under the eigenvalues of Force of Present settings of flour destined to Present settings.

last Coast of Africa, it is said that several rms in this city are preparing to ship to he Boer Republic heavy supplies of flour These enterprising merchants atterpate selzure of their property by the noney in any event, as, if the goods are onfiscated they will demand the value of the cargoes and punitive damages.

BADEN-POWELL REPORTS.

Describes the Sortic in Which He Lost So Heavily. London, Jan. 5.-The War Office has re-

refred, through General Ferestier-Walker, at Cape Town, the following dispatch from stonet Enden-Powell, dated Mafeking, De ember 26: 'We attacked one of the enemy's works

this merning, endeavoring to push back the corden northward. Our force consisted of three guns, two spadrons of the Protec-torate Regiment, one of the Bechusnaland Rifles, armored train, etc. The enemy had rengthened their works during the nigh and doubled the garrison since yesterday's reconnoissance Nevertheless, our attack was carried out

and pressed home with the greatest possi-ble gallantry and steadiness under a very or fire. But all efforts to gain the interior by escalade failed, the fort being practically impregnable.
"Our attack only withdrew after six of

A dispatch from Free dated year alry force to the west of his post

utflank the British, who thereopen

ry mean that the second general

as north of the Tunela River, and the to south, which must be cleared on

confirming the provious ditohes from Book sources that empt to cupture a liter fort

The Paers at Cobalorg audean ar expected attack on General French's oft, but were repulsed. Three firitish officers fell during the enaugement. The Boets' losses are unknown, but are estimated by the · Eritish at low

tion of the Moddly River. General: Gatacra has remined or

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SITUATION SUMMARIZED.

Buller May Try a Series of Fights Instead of a General Battle.

SPECIAL BY CARLE. London Saturday, Jan. 6 - el'opyright, ise, by James Corden Rennett.)-A criscs m the Tunels Miver, where Hiller faces Jonbert; immobility at Modder River, where Cronje blocks Methoen's advance, activity at the other centers of war-this is the generas assect this morning of the situation in

South Africa. These who costrol the trans news from the Cape have allowed almost amounte knowledge of Commet Fricher's raid. up to Donglas, General French's engage-General Ben Viljoen of Johannesburg is ments around Colesberg and General Gatnext's repulsion of the attack on Moltena to and mounted infantry returned to Chieve- suited more or less favorably to the Britich arms, witten explains their prompt

From the Turnla River, however, come , dispatches which give evidence of having fantry at ranges of her to Lees yards over | been rapidly consored, of source it is a nen returned the fire. There were no come i measure of processes that no inking of the movements which General Boiler intends Later in the afternoon our big naval goos , wars of tieneral Joubert, but as the Boers shelled the Boers employed to working I have hitherno been exceptionally well served duolitial whether disputches could tell them mything which they do not know already Within a few days 7.00 additional troops will be landed in Natal, but General Buller

is now deemed strong enough to advance without them, should it be deemed necessary or advisable to make an attack. That a seneral battle ranging over some wenty miles at country will take place is of Bkely. A series of engagements should follow, one after another, the British doing their lest to seize upon Inhiawe and Spring-hold, so as to cover further maneuvering

selected spots on the Boers' line of Colesberg Muddle.

It is sufficult to follow the fighting around in, and that he has been heavily shell. Considers, As General French's forces are the Boer intronsments. The reports almost surrounding Colesberg, his right and oublint if a general movement by the birti-di forces has begun.

That this report of lighting may be our north and east, and would send a force mathward. Without a definite description of the positions of the units of French's the various moves in this contest between forces of equal mobility. The arrival of the Household Catalry, field artiflery and a battalion of the Essex Regiment, which have been sent to General French, should be sufficient to force the Boers to evacuate

The fighting at Moltano is instructive in ling to their positions with obstinate tendeity, and are not to be driven out except by patient and scientific generalship, but when they attempted a counter attack they failed. This has been the case throughout

The belated news from Mafeking describ-The absent minded beggat will go out, in line the sortic on December 25, shows that Colonel Baden-Poweii suffered considerable loss. The British assault seems to have been pushed right up to the earthworks and then to have been of necessity abandoned. The floors and strengthened their position

changed and the health of the garrison satisfactory. But there is no doubt that the investment is becoming closer and that the besieged force feel it necessary to be making every effort to prevent the Boess advancing their trenches hearer to the town, and to be trying to open communication with the outside Metimen checked and Colonel Plumer at a standedlil, the chances for the relief of Marcking are exceedingly sleader.

SECOND INJUNCTION ISSUED.

Milwaukee Street Railway Muddle Growing Worse.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 5.-Another injune tional order was issued in the street railway fight to-day by Court Commissioner Austin on application of J. G. Trentlage, a taxpayer. The injunction restrains the street railway company from accepting the ordinance, and the city from filing the acceptance of the company if it should be of-

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

lution-Bryan Spoke for It.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.-During the meeting of the Populist Committee Judge Edgar Howard offered a resolution of ympathy h the Boers. Mr. Bryan spoke at some ath in favor of the resolution and urged adoption. It was carried with but one

Populist Committee Adopts Reso-PROTECTION SPECTAL.

to Retire.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE CHICAGO DRAINAGE CANAL. Mr. St. Louis Taxpayer: "I'll bring the pitcher of water, my dear, just as soon as this playful